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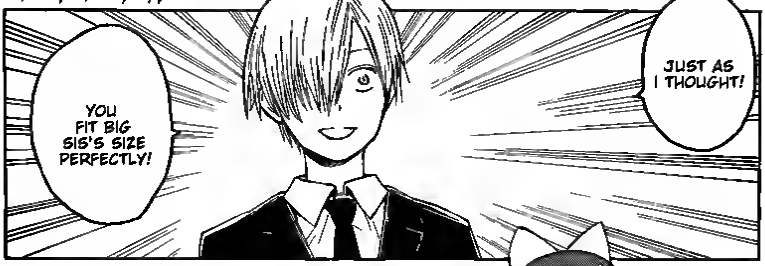

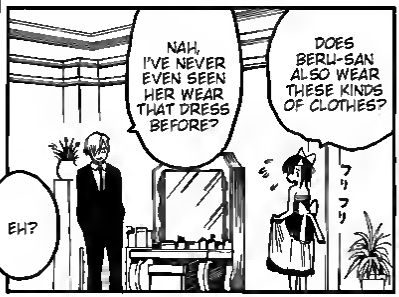

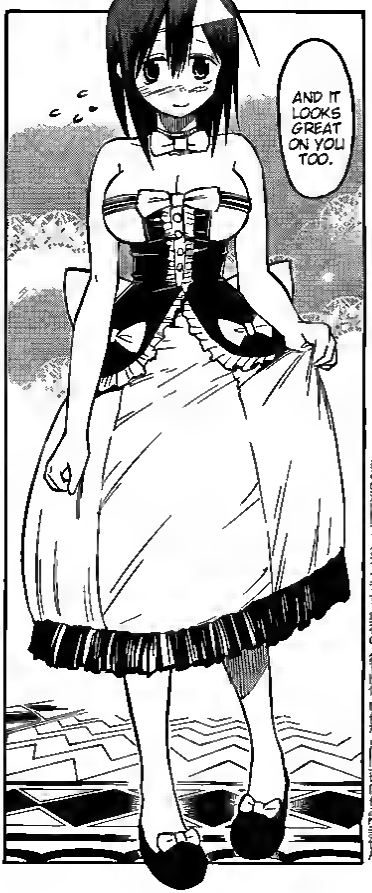

MOTHER LIKES THESE KIND OF CLOTHES, THOUGH.
SHE ALWAYS GRUMBLES LOUDLY IF WE WEAR ANYTHING THAT LOOKS BAGGY.
MAYBE ITS BECAUSE OF THAT WHICH KEEPS BIG SIS FROM COMING BACK HERE.
AH, REALLY NOW?

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B-
Welcome back, Beru
BUT I DROP IN EVERY NOW AND THEN.
第25話 小玉有生
Big Sis!?
And why'd you bring him along too!?
Shit!

Staz-san!
OH HEY, YOU'RE SAFE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, STAZ-SAN, HAVE YOU BEEN OKAY? YOUR SHIRT...
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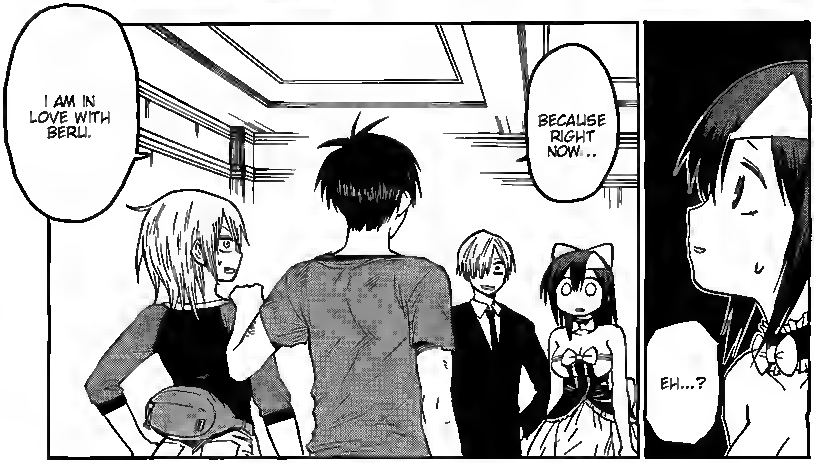
SORRY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO TALK RIGHT NOW. STAY AWAY FROM ME FOR A BIT.
AND DON'T TALK TO ME WITH SUCH FRIENDLINESS.


I AM IN LOVE WITH BERU.
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW...
EH...?

THAT'S NOT WHAT HE MEANS...
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NOPE.
Now you better explain yourself
before they start to mis-onderstand!
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Hey, you two, what's with the stiff looks!?
S-SHE SHOT HIM...
RIGHT IN THE HEAD...
IN ANY CASE.
THIS IS A GAMBLE.
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BESIDES, IF MAMA FINDS OUT THAT STAZ IS HERE TO BRING FUYUMI BACK, WHAT THEN?
STAZ AND I CAME HERE, BUT PAPA STILL HASN'T NOTICED.
I BROUGHT STAZ HERE.
LIKE I SAID.
I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAVE YOU FROM THEM...
NO WAY YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH JUST AN APOLOGY...
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY MAMA DECIDED TO CALL FOR FUYUMI IN THE FIRST PLACE.
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
And I also want to confirm...
NOW, NOW NO NEED TO YELL...
SO YOU BETTER NOT SPILL THE BEANS TO THEM.
MAYBE MOTHER DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT STAZ...
CERTAINLY, WHEN I FOUND FUYUMI, I ONLY REPORTED WHERE HER LOCATION WAS...

FIRST WE NEED TO HEAR WHY MAMA WANTED FUYUMI HERE.
If so—
Are the words that his brother said to me somehow connected to this situation?
What is Fuyumi to me?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF
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ON THAT NOTE,
DEPENDING ON WHAT HER REASON IS, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BRING HER BACK PEACEFULLY.
THIS IS SOMEHOW RELATED TO HER RESURRECTION.
It's strange! You're just going along with what he wants!
Why are you willing to go so far for Staz, Big Sis!?
BUT TELL ME...
What happened!?
.....
It's not like you!

Don't tell me he s-
GYAAAAAA!!
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But for me to...
I don't like it either...
Such a thing would be very me-ish.
COME ON, WE SHOULD GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES TOO
?
Propose suggestions as though we were in some sort of play..

MISS FUYUMI, LADY NEYN CALLS FOR YOU.
AH, BE RIGHT THERE!
LUM, SINCE SHE'S CALLING FOR ME...
I'LL BE GOING NOW.
HANG ON A SEC. YOU'RE GOING BY YOURSELF?
I-I'LL BE OKAY.
MOST LIKE-LY...
I'M GOING WITH YOU.
EH
WHAT HAPPENED TO 'STAYING AWAY FROM EACHOTHER' ...?
バタン
SURPRISED NOW, STAZ?
YOU'RE A FOOL, STAZ

What if I let her go by herself and she gets eaten or something!?
Let go!
You idiot, what are you doing!?
トラウマ (STILL CAUSES HIM TRAUMA)
What's with your imagination!?
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MY, YOUR FRIEND HAS SUCH VIGOR.
BUT IF HE ACTUALLY CAME WITH ME, WE'D BE FOUND OUT INSTANTLY
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Just calm down for a moment already!
What if you're a family of ghouls!?
Prove to me that you're not Hollows!
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SHE'S WAITING BEYOND THESE DOORS.
I SEE...

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FUYUMI…
!
FUYUMI…!
FUYUMI…
YES…!

I WANTED TO MEET YOU...
MY FUYUMI...
WERE YOU SCARED?
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW...

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MAY I ASK WHAT YOU ARE ALL DOING?
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AH, IT'S NOTHING REALLY. THIS IDIOT HERE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON NO MATTER WHAT!
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BUT WE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING! NOPE! NOT A THING!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MISTER STAZ.
I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SPEAKING WITH YOUR BROTHER ON OCCASION AND HAVE HEARD MANY THINGS ABOUT YOU.
WAIT A SECOND, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
……
HUH?
OH? WERE YOU NOT AWARE OF IT?

WAIT, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY SAYING... SERIOUSLY?
I DIDN'T REALLY GET IT BEFORE, BUT NOW I SEE A PLOT TWIST COMING...
I DIDN'T
REALLY WANT TO HEAR THAT EITHER.

That bastard...

BRING HIM TO THE EMPEROR.
THIS IS VLAD D. BRAZ.
What the hell is he up to now?
OPEN THE GATES!

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN, I WONDER...
SINCE I LAST RETURNED TO THESE GATES...?
Hey, shitty four-eyes!
What are you doing spacing out!? Go already!
VERY WELL... AS YOU WISH...
MASTER ♡
パン
You asshole, quit it! Or do you want me to crush you AND your glasses on the way there!? Huh!?
CHIEF BEROS.
WHAT?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO INSULT SOMEONE, DON'T INSULT THEIR GLASSES TOO!
HE GLASSES ARE NOT AT ANY FAULT!
...RIGHT, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
DIVISION CHIEF GOYLE.
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY SUB-ORDINATE'S HARSH WORDS, MR. VLAD.
NICE GLASSES, BY THE WAY.
AH, YOU TOO.
I'LL BE IN CHARGE OF ESCORTING YOU FROM HERE ON.

I'M SURE NOTHING WILL HAPPEN, BUT...
THIS IS JUST IN CASE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE ANIMOSITY TOWARD HIS HIGHNESS.
BESIDES, YOUR CUTE LITTLE SUB-ORDINATE PUT THIS LOCK ON ME, JUST TO MAKE SURE.

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IF ANYTHING HAPPENS I'M POWER-LESS.
THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS, DON'T YOU THINK?
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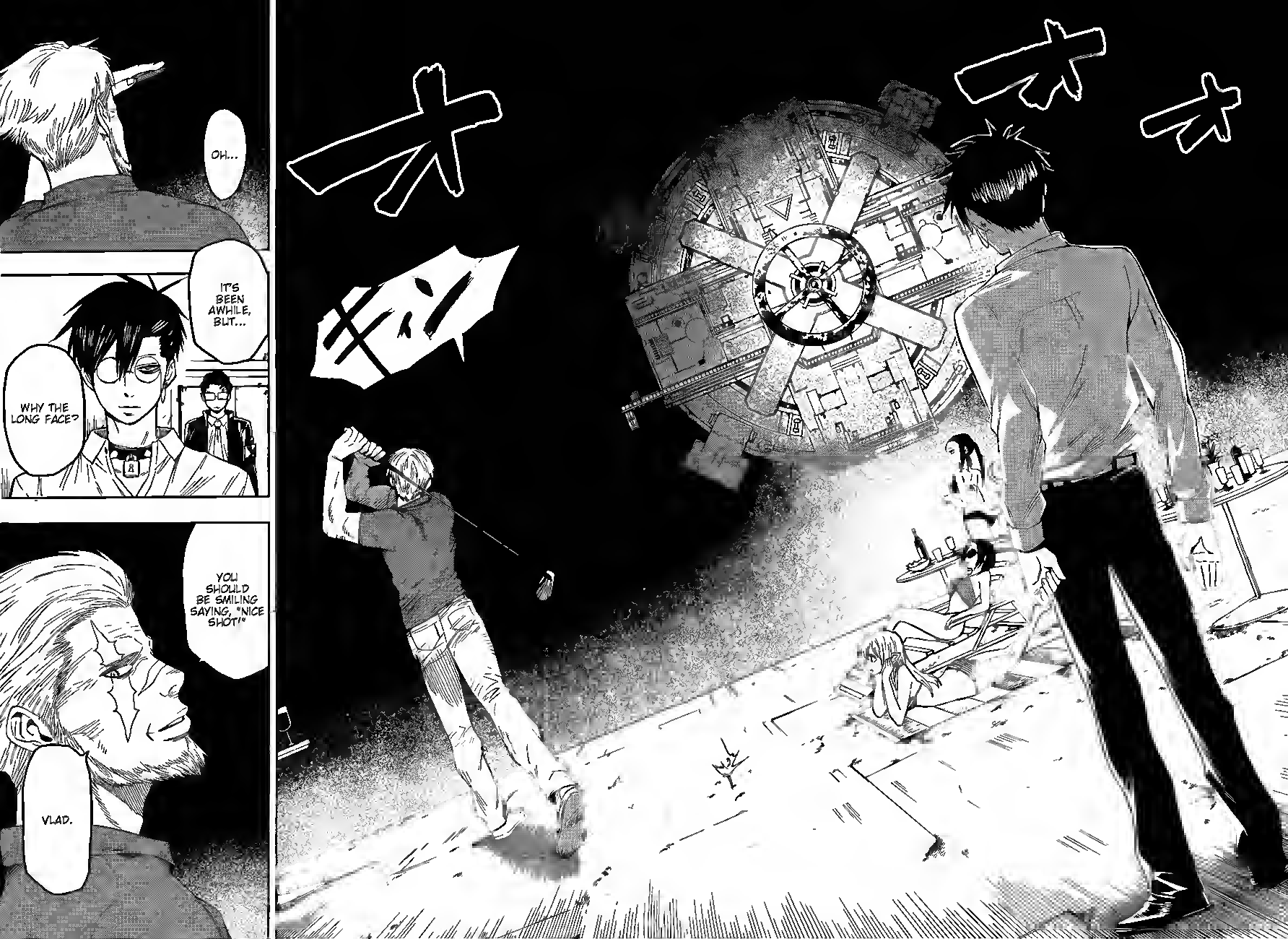
OH...
IT'S BEEN AWHILE, BUT...
WHY THE LONG FACE?
YOU SHOULD BE SMILING SAYING, "NICE SHOT!"
VLAD.
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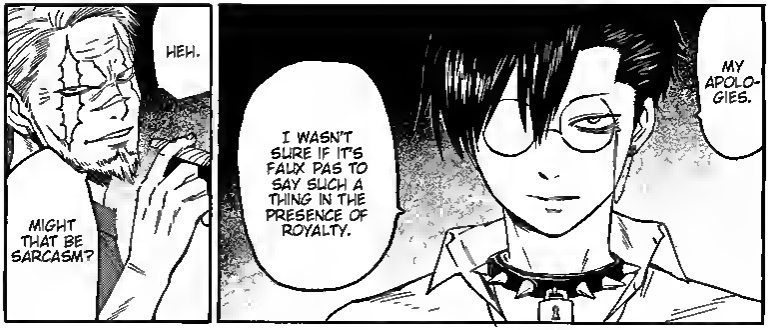
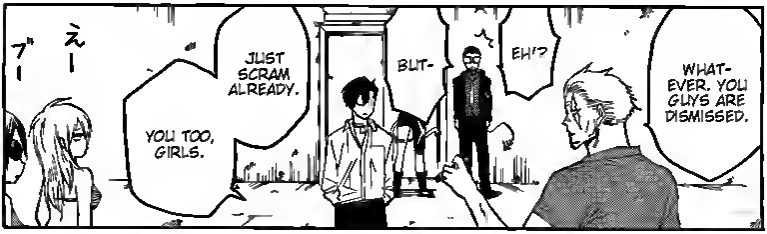

HEH.
MIGHT THAT BE SARCASM?
I WASN'T SURE IF IT'S FAUX PAS TO SAY SUCH A THING IN THE PRESENCE OF ROYALTY.
MY APOLOGIES.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JUST SCRAM ALREADY.
YOU TOO, GIRLS.
BUT-
EH!?
WHATEVER. YOU GUYS ARE DISMISSED.

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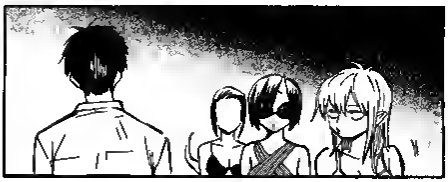

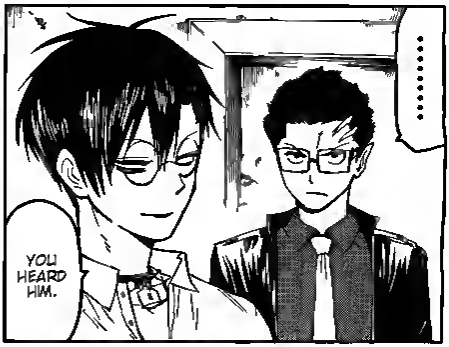
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YOU HEARD HIM.

YEAH, I FIGURED.
HE SERIOUSLY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
IT'LL BE FINE, MR. GOYLE
NOW THAT YOU BRING IT UP... I'M A LITTLE CURIOUS, BUT...
HOW HE WAS BROUGHT HERE, JUST FOR THE TWO OF THEM TO TALK... I WONDER WHAT KIND OF CONVERSATION THEY'RE HAVING...
WHAT BUSINESS HE HAS WITH HIGHNESS.
IN WHAT?
BUT AREN'T AREN'T YOU INTERESTED?
SURE IT IS.
What do you think I use wiretaps for!?
That's just for the sake of investigation and security!
BUT DON'T YOU LIKE TO DO IT ANYWAY?
No!
Obviously I know that!
WIRETAPPING IS ILLEGAL, MR. GOYLE.
IS THAT FOR THE SAKE OF INVESTIGATIONS TOO?
OF COURSE...
WHILE WE WAIT FOR THEM, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME A LITTLE ABOUT THAT MAN?
IN ANY CASE...

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DID YOU HEAR THAT?
JUST NOW.
?
THE GOLF BALL I HIT JUST CRASHED INTO THE GATE.
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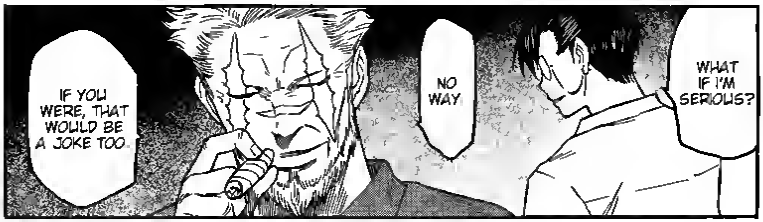
IT'S THANKS TO THE MIASMA COMING FROM THAT HUMONGOUS GATE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO SURVIVE.
INDEED. MANAGING THAT GATE IS A TASK FIT FOR THE KING.
AND IN RETURN, YOU LIVE IN COMFORT DAY IN AND DAY OUT.

DO YOU THINK IT'S A TASK TRULY SUITABLE FOR THE KING?
THAT'S A JOB ANYONE CAN DO.
.....
BUT THAT'S WHY I SAID IT'S THE JOB OF THE KING.
AM I WRONG?
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
ALL YOU NEED TO DO TO MANAGE THE GATE IS TO WATCH IT.
IS IT AL-RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT IT? TRY A ROUND?
YEAH, NOW'S THE BEST TIME TO TRY.
AH...
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
IS IT AL-RIGHT FOR YOU TO HAND ME A BLUNT WEAPON? I MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY... MURDER YOU WITH IT.
I MEANT...

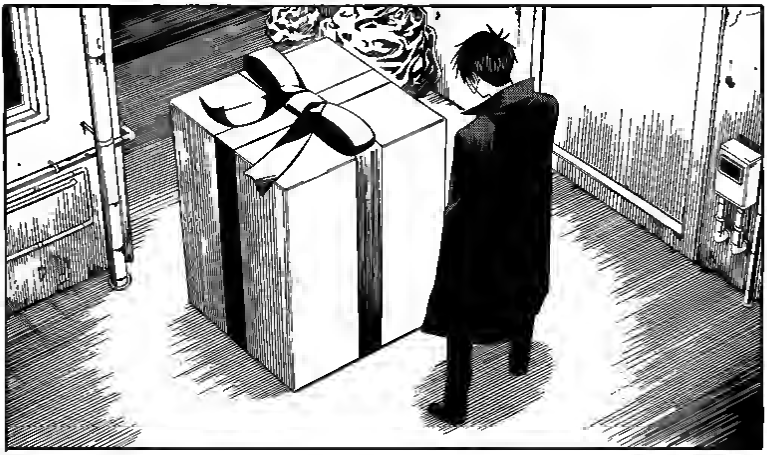
Ahahaha! Nice joke
PROBABLY YOUR BEST ONE YET!


WHAT IF I'M SERIOUS?
NO WAY
IF YOU WERE, THAT WOULD BE A JOKE TOO.

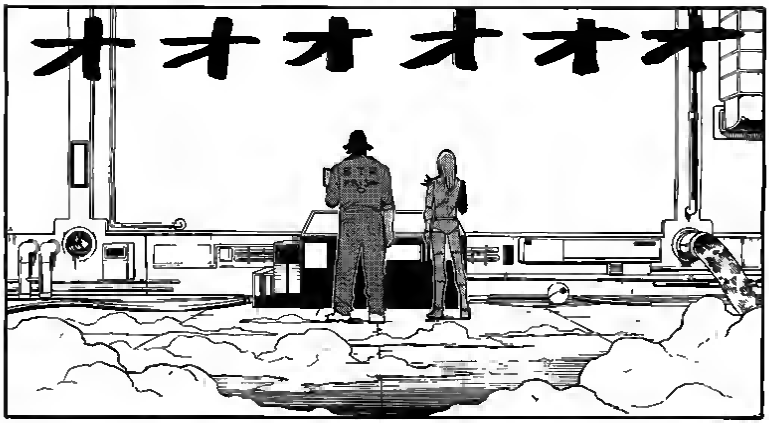
DO YOU MEAN THE VISIT DOWN TO LOWER MAKAI?
OH, YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW WAS IT?
HOW'S YOUR WORK RECENTLY?
WAS IT FUN?

NICE SHOT.
YES, IT SEEMED TO SUIT ME.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU SAVED ME SOME TROUBLE BY DOING THAT.
OF COURSE, ALL I DID WAS LOOK AROUND WHILE I WAS DOWN THERE.
BUT ON THAT NOTE, THIS MIGHT INTEREST YOU.
ふ…
I HEARD THAT AKIMI BRAT GOT BEATEN DOWN TO A PULP.
WELL DONE.

THIS MAN.
HIS NAME IS PANTOMIME
HE WAS ORIGINALLY PERFORMING A TOP-SECRET MISSION, BUT...
FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, HE SUDDENLY CUT OFF ALL CONTACTS.
WE STILL DO NOT KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.



DON'T THEY LOOK THE SAME?
HE'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF THAT AKIMU BRAT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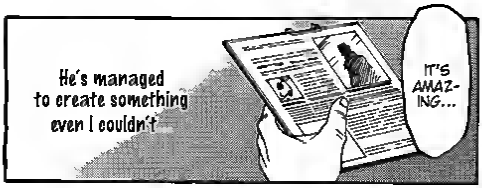
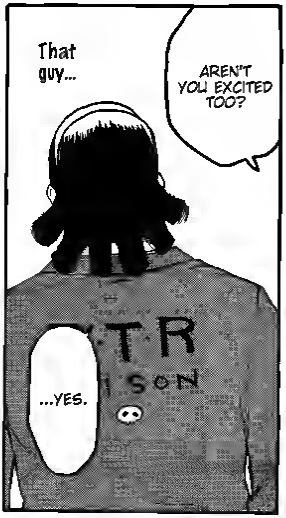
HOW IS IT, FRANKEN?
SO THIS IS HIS RESEARCH?

IT'LL SOON BE MINE!
THIS BODY...


He's managed to create something even I couldn't
IT'S AMAZ-ING...


That guy...
AREN'T YOU EXCITED TOO?
...YES.

OF COURSE.

AKIMU AND PANTOMIME.
THEY'RE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL
CERTAINLY YOU'VE MADE THIS CONNECTION FOR A WHILE NOW.
IF YOU SHOULD INVESTIGATE, YOU'LL EVENTUALLY FIND HIM. HE'S LEFT BEHIND PLENTY OF CLUES, AFTER ALL.
AND AFTER DOING THAT, YOUR EVIDENCE POINTS TO ME, WHICH IS WHY YOU CALLED ME HERE.
THE CULPRIT CAN ONLY BE ME.
INDEED...
THE MAN WHO TOOK PANTOMIME FROM YOU AND CREATED AKIMU
WAS NONE OTHER THAN ME.

YOUR HIGHNESS...
THIS IS MY DECLAR-ATION OF WAR AGAINST YOU.
MY SWING MAY NOT HAVE REACHED THAT GATE, BUT
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, YOU'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT HAS REACHED.

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